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Updates from Council Members

By Whitney Jones - As we move into spring, activities are already ramping up around the Tribe. During the last week of March a pretty large group of our Squaxin teens attended the Northwest Indian Youth Conference in Spokane. They participated in a variety of breakout sessions on leadership and empowerment and had a great time learning and growing together. We hope to hear more from them about the trip when they get back. Thank you to the staff and chaperones who volunteered to go too; trips and activities like these for our youth wouldn't be possible without community support.

And speaking of volunteerism and support... many of the great things that are accomplished at Squaxin Island Tribe are partly because of tribal and community members who are willing to spend their time and energy participating in the variety of committees, commissions, boards and other events that help make our Tribe and community great. As a small token of appreciation, the Council hosted a Thank You dinner at LCCR on March 31st to say thank you to people who volunteer on those committees. I hope you got to join us and if not, please know that you and your efforts are sincerely appreciated by many and our community is more well-rounded and representative because of your contributions.

In April the Elders will be joined by hundreds of other tribal elders from around the northwest as they host Squaxin's Elder Luncheon. With support from LCCR, the Elders put on this event every other year and anticipate about 600 people from other tribes in Washington, Oregon and Idaho to come join in the fun. This year's theme is 'Beach Party' and in addition to the lunch, raffle, and comradery, there will be music and other activities to keep the event hopping. As you can imagine, this is a huge undertaking for the Elders and a lot of people have spent hours planning and making giveaway items and tribal departments have even pitched in by donating raffle prizes too. If you would like to donate or help out in some way before or during the event on Thursday April 21st, please connect with Elizabeth or Annie-Beth in the Elders program at 360-432-3868.

For those of you who have been watching the construction progress on the new Family Services building you know that it has been nearing completion. Well the renovation is now finished, and by the time you read this, the department staff will have already moved into their new offices. It is a fabulous remodel and I know that everyone is looking forward to having all Family Services programs and people back under one roof. There is an Open House scheduled for April 25th so please join them then. And don't forget about the next Candidates Forum hosted by the Elections Committee on Thursday April 14th at 4:30 in the Elders Building; Your Vote is Your Voice.

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FRIDAY | MAY 27
8PM

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TICKETS | \$50 | \$40 | \$30

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Walking On ... Darren Ford



Darren Wayne Ford was born in Houston, Texas on April 12, 1962 and died on March 12, 2016, at age 53. He resided on the Squaxin Island Reservation in Shelton, WA most of his life.

He distinguished himself as a great fisherman, clam digger and diver for geoducks. Many of his dear friends became his family throughout the years and the children adored him calling him "Eagle Eye" because he had both a green and a blue eye and amazing eyesight.

He adored two special women, Kim Allen and Melissa Whitener, phenomenal women and friends, who stood by him until the end.

He was a great teacher and taught many how to clam dig, how to dive, and how to fish. His dedication to his work was unparalleled and his love for nature was well known. Wood cutting was one of his favorite things to do.

His passion for the water would keep him out there for days at a time, and when he was not fishing, he was selling fireworks, another one of his favorite things to do. His shows were famous.

He was often heard saying that what comforted him the most was being on the water and with nature. He loved living on the edge.

As a child and teenager, his sportsmanship was above average. He played football, baseball and ran track. Scouts were looking at him since eighth grade, breaking records right and left, and nicknamed him FLASH!

Some of his fondest memories included taking care of his mother, and watching over his family. Family meant everything to him. His entire life was dedicated to family, and their welfare.

Darren was also known as a great storyteller of his adventures hunting with his brother, father and grandfather.

His favorite colors were white, red and blue, and his hobbies included playing at the casino, listening to music, riding motorcycles and watching television. Action movies were his favorites.

He loved to dance, to move, to be active, to make you laugh, to be of service to his loving mother. His emotions ran deep, yet he was reserved.

Darren left a mark on the land, the sea and in our hearts. He will be missed by countless cousins, friends and loved ones.

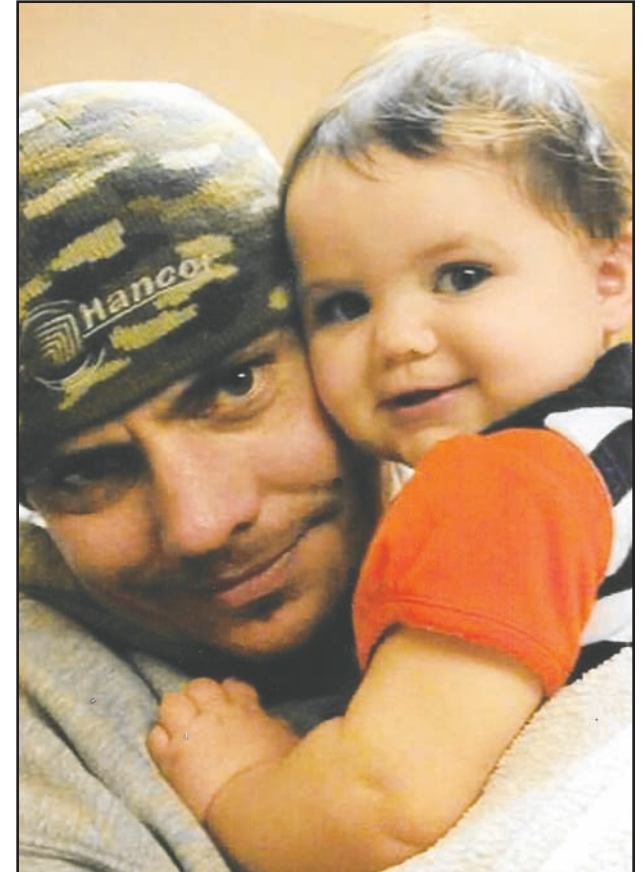
He is survived by his mother Mary Whitener; his brother Donald Lynn Whitener and his kids, Nicolas and Holly; his sisters: Rebeckah Ford, Tammy Ford, Teresa Ford, and Rachel Ford; his nephews: Tyler Mireles and Kayden Palmas; his nieces: Kyla Boelk, Erickah Bartczak and Shelby Fuller; and his great nieces: Paisley and Leighton Boelk.

Darren was preceded in death by his father, Harold Riley Ford.

There was a viewing at McComb & Wagner Family Funeral Home on Friday, March 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. His celebration of Life took place at the Squaxin Island gymnasium, Monday, March 21, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment followed at the Squaxin Island cemetery. The celebration dinner took place at the Squaxin Community Kitchen at 4:00 p.m.



Walking On ... Leroy James Melton



Leroy James Berry Longfeather Melton, 33, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Yakima, WA. He was born on August 9, 1982 in Olympia, WA to Daryl Lee and Cheryl Rae (Peters) Melton.

Leroy attended West Valley High School. He went on to work at various occupations before finding his niche as a forklift driver for Pride Packaging in Yakima. Leroy loved being outdoors hunting, fishing and camping. He was also very proud of his Native American heritage, belonging to the Squaxin Island Tribe. Leroy is part of the Bagley and Klabsch/Peters families.

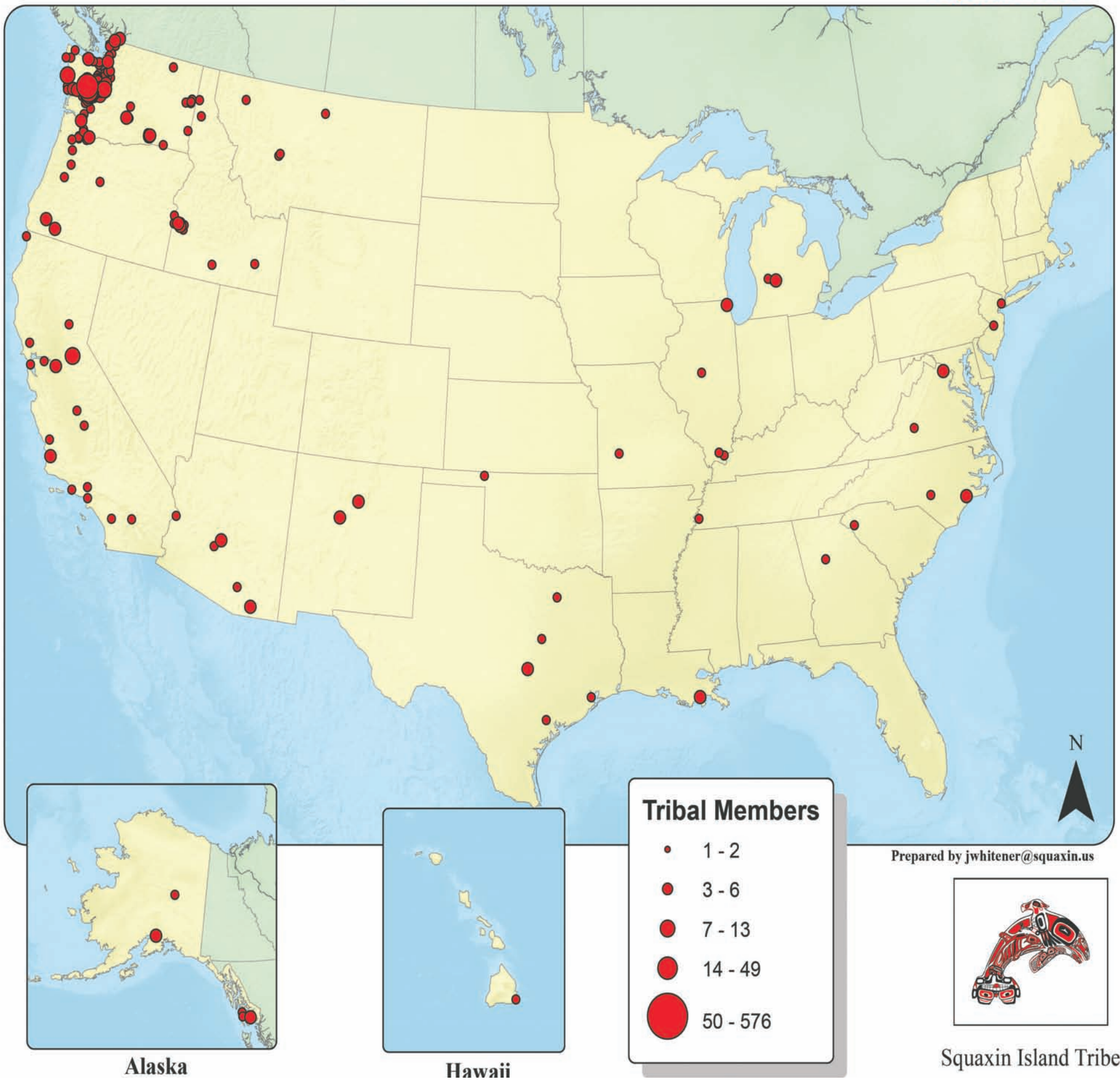
Foremost in life was the love Leroy had for his family. He is survived by his children, Dylan and James, and their mother, Brooke, of South Carolina and Angeleigh Melton and her mother, Lindsey, of West Valley; parents Daryl and Cheryl; sisters, Jessica (Jason) Stone and April (Albert) Leonard; brother, Josh (Melanie) Melton; and grandmothers, Ruth (late Emory) Peters and Maudeline Melton.



Squaxin Island Tribal Member Population Map | Where We Live

By Postal Code

Prepared: 3/18/2016



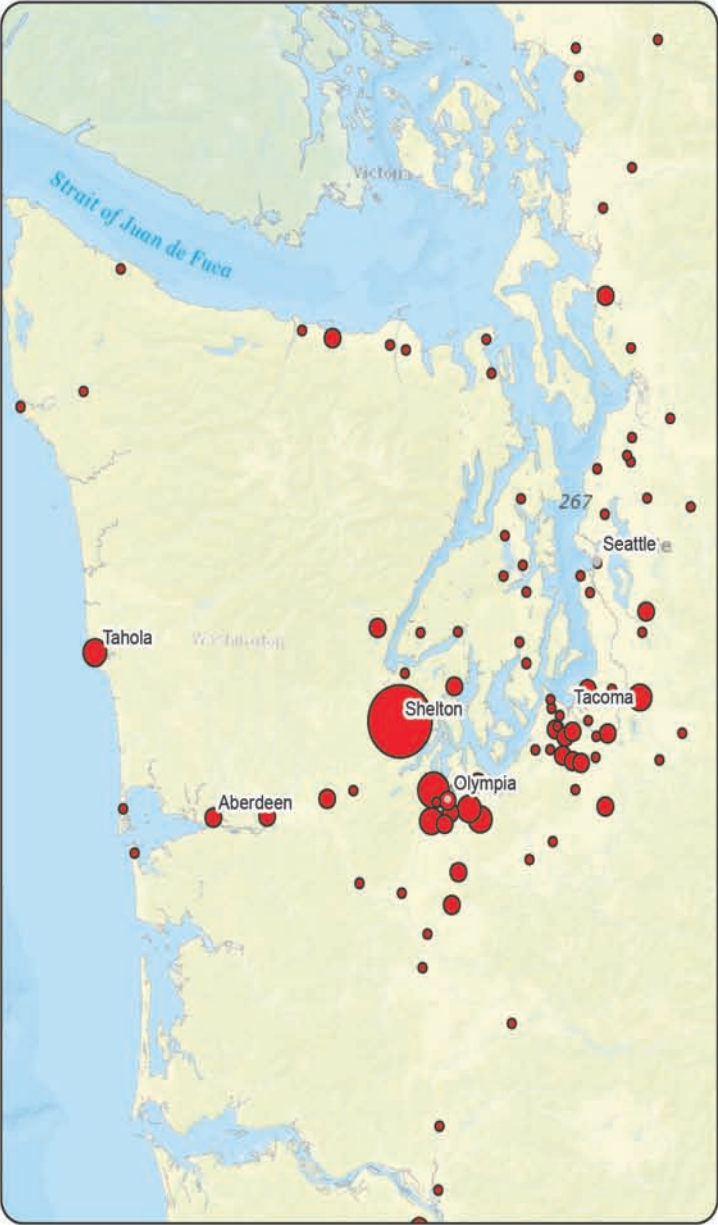


Squaxin Island Tribal Member Population Map | NW

Current Tribal Member Population: 1,071

Region	Total
On Reservation	289
Mason/Thurston County (Not On Reservation)	406
In Washington State	886
Out Of State (WA)	164
Address Unknown	21

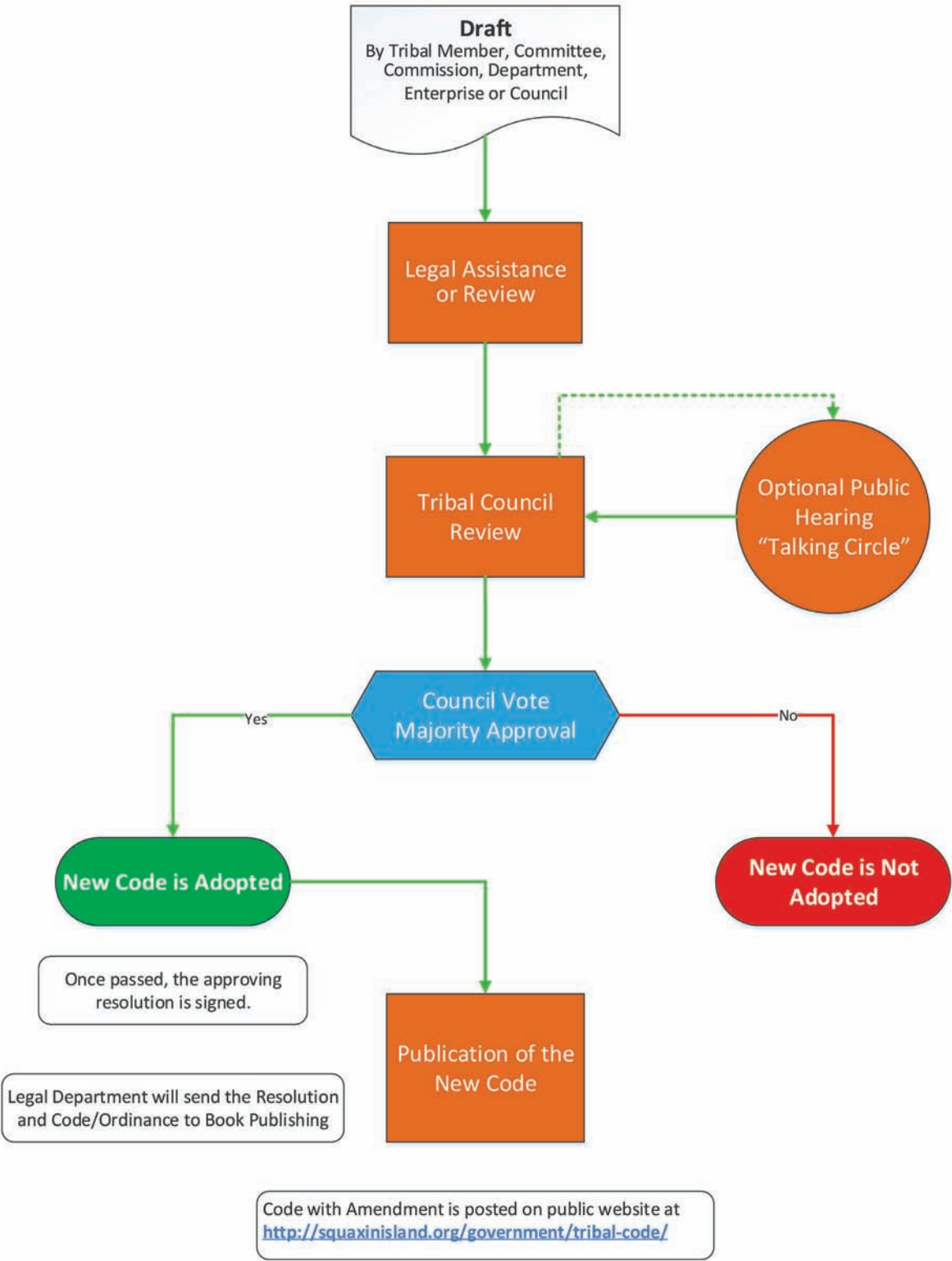
All Data from Squaxin Island Tribal Enrollment.



Western Washington



Process for a New Code or Amendment





Next gathering:

Wednesday, April 20th
4:30 p.m.
Community Kitchen

Stats for February

Total reported Drug/Alcohol incidents:
11

Drug
8

Alcohol
3

Arrests
2

Citation/infractions
1

Referred to other agency
2

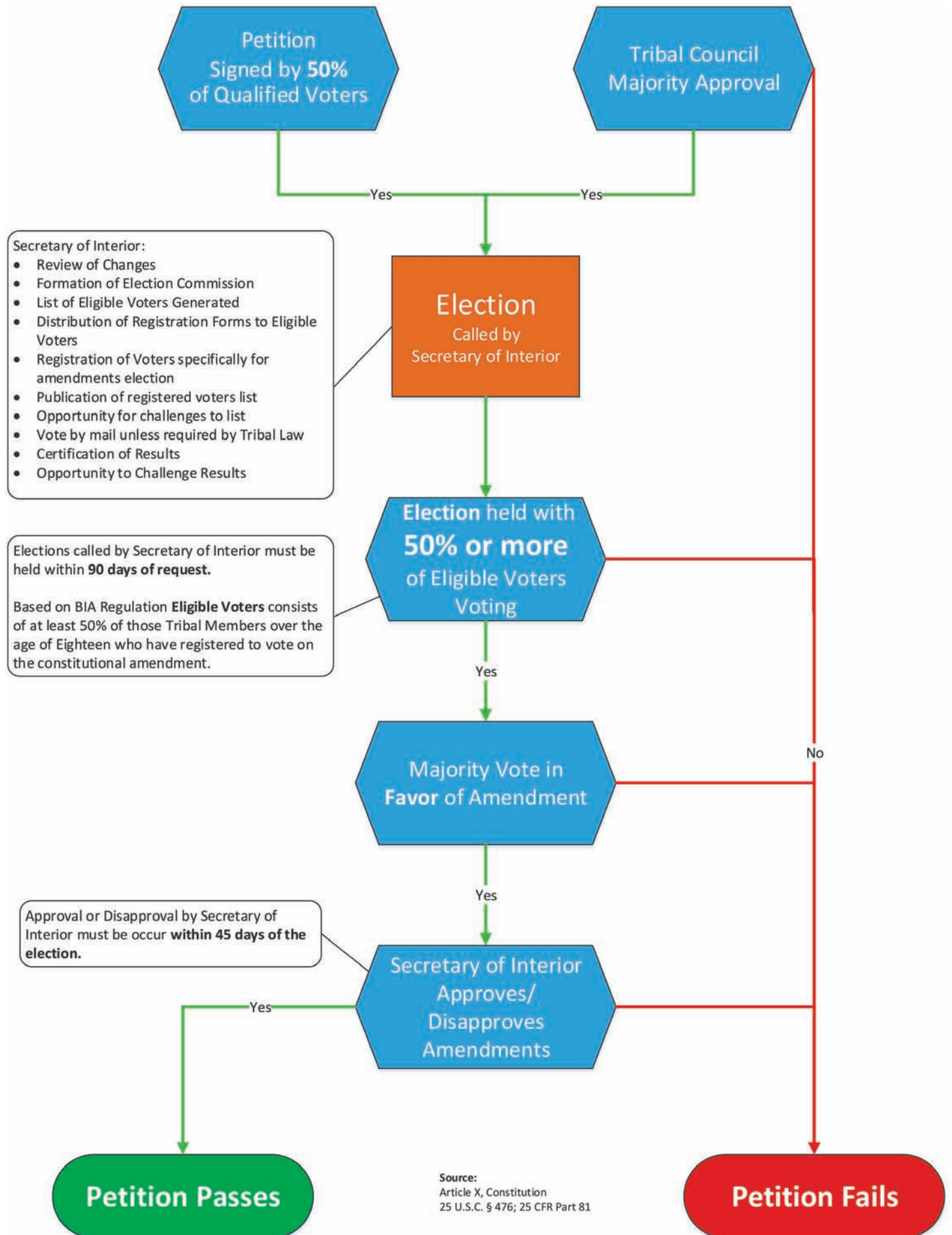
Tribal Court
2

Adults
9

Youth
0

Unknown
2

Process for Constitutional Amendments





ELECTIONS PROCESS



Quorum Calls at:
9:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:00 AM
At any point quorum is reached, proceed.
If quorum is not reached after three calls, proceed with elections only.
2.50.010 A

Order of Positions
From highest to lowest by Election Year

TERM 1
Chairman
1st Seat
2nd Seat

TERM 2
Vice Chairman
3rd Seat

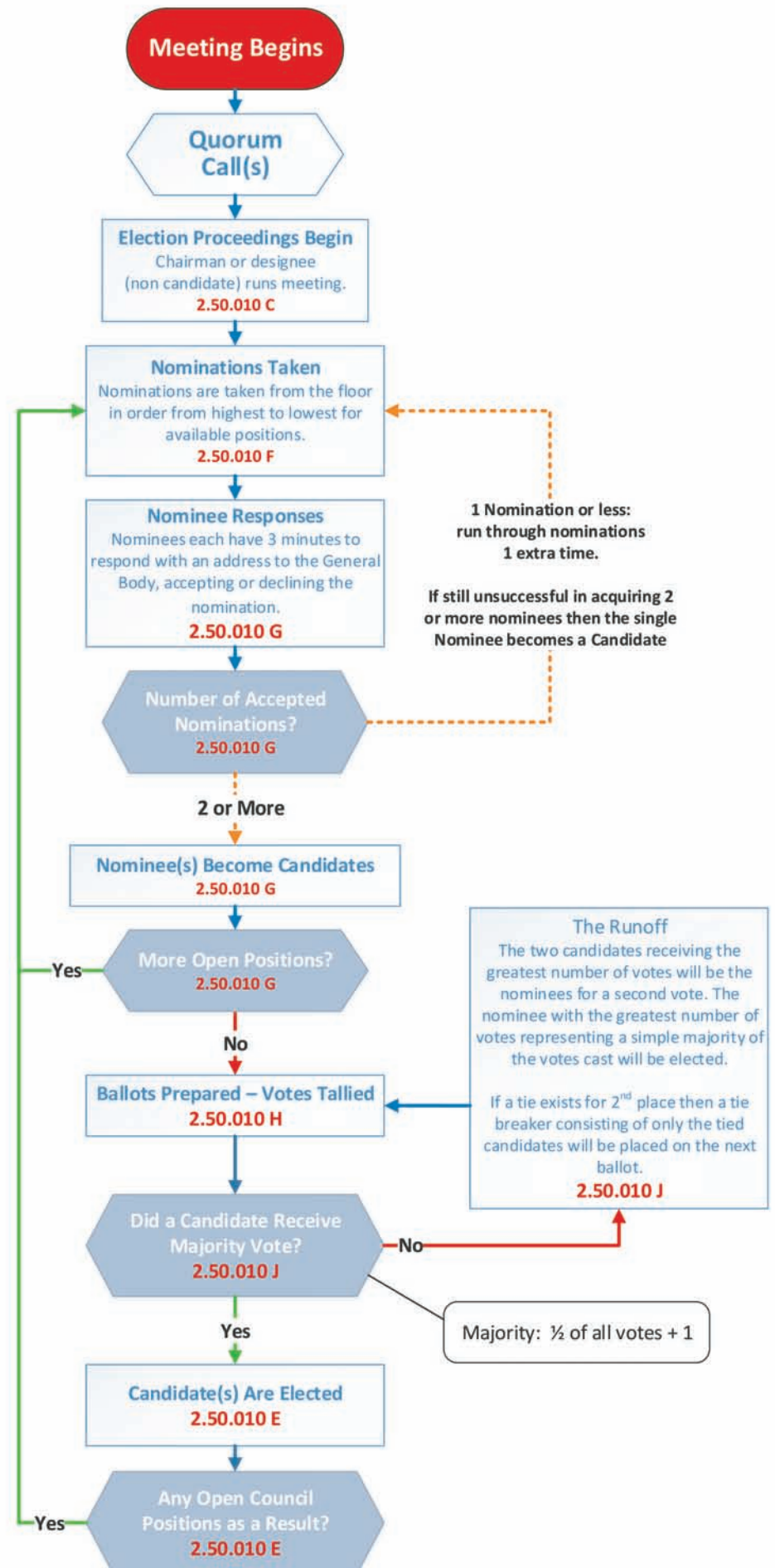
TERM 3
Secretary
Treasurer

2.50.010 D

When members are voting, the Meeting Facilitator will give a 5 minute and a 1 minute warning prior to closing the ballot box.
2.50.010 B & I

Ballots are prepared for all positions and candidates. Time is allotted from those in attendance to vote. Votes are then tallied

If a voter has not signed in and voted by the time ballot box is closed, voter can not vote.
2.50.010 B





Youth Afterschool Program

Jerilynn Vail - Our Spring Break hours will be 9am to 4pm. Please check out our flyer for field trip dates and times. Our Spring Break program will provide morning and afternoon snacks and lunch for participating youth.

Please save the date: May 18th from 4:30-6:30pm. We will be ready on May 18th for parents to start registering youth for Summer Rec. Many parents have requested an opportunity to purchase additional Summer Rec t-shirts beyond the one provided. We will work to make that happen and can accept orders until June. During the Summer Rec program, we look for volunteers to join us on a variety of field trip days. If you are interest come by the gym and I would like to talk with you.

Did you see the flyer about Kids Zumba? Misti Fawn Martinez will be here teaching the youth. The youth really seem to be enjoying it.

Teen Center / CHUM Project

Laurel Wolff - Happy spring! The CHUM Project will be going to Wild Waves again at the end of the school year. To qualify to attend, teens must accumulate 100 points (Remember how we did this last year?). The purpose of the Wild Waves trip is to encourage participation in activities that encourage cultural awareness, a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle and good school attendance. Last year's trip was really successful with over 25 teens qualifying.

The Teen Room has benefitted from some amazing volunteers lately. Morningstar Green and Patricia Green have been teaching teens how to bead and the kids have been making really beautiful projects. Jerimiah Roberts helped with snowboarding in March. Snowboarding is fun but it is also a big time commitment. Thanks to Taylor Krise for assisting with the teens in the gym and helping the teens run drills. Greg Lehman taught teens to make and paint drums. I want to thank Brittany McFarlane for being so helpful during Teen Night. Also, thanks to Carol Smith for her help during the basketball games. I feel so grateful to work with this community and I know the teens appreciate all of the caring and support from volunteers.

Youth Council Updates - The Youth Council had a raffle at the Sa-Heh-Wa-Mish Days Powwow. Lots of work went into collecting raffle items; thanks to everyone that donated gifts. The raffle was very successful and the funds raised will be used during the Northwest Indian Youth Conference in Spokane.

Twelve Youth Council members will be attending the conference this year. Members were required to attend Youth Council meetings and have passing grades in school. Thanks again to Jaimie Cruz, Vernon Sanchez and Jerimiah Roberts for helping throughout.

CHUM Program updates – The CHUM Project continues to encourage teens to be successful in school and in the community:

- Sixty-two youth participated in CHUM Project activities in 2015.
- Community members have already volunteered 65 hours to support the teens in 2016.
- We are averaging eight teens at each Youth Council meeting.
- During the first semester, there was an 18% drop in delinquent behavior in Shelton School for teens involved in the CHUM Project.
- During the first semester, no youth in the CHUM project were cited for drug-related violations at school.

Higher Education Update

Mandy Valley - Are you applying for scholarships?

There can be a variety of financial aid options available to you. The more you can learn about those options, and the more you can take advantage of those opportunities, the better for your financial bottom-line – keeping college affordable. Keep in mind two very important points. First, some financial aid resources are “first-come, first served” so the earlier you apply the better your chances of getting funded. Second, the more financial aid resources you apply for, the better your overall odds of getting college funding.

Every financial aid scholarship can have different criteria for awarding funds so a little research is in order. Do you fit the eligibility requirements for their scholarship? Some scholarships are based on your grades, some on test scores, while others may be for extra-curricular activities (clubs, sports, hobbies, etc.). Read the directions carefully to understand how to properly complete the application, how to make yourself stand out from the other applications, and to make sure you meet the funder's deadlines.

If you keep copies of all your scholarship applications, you may be able to re-use some of your earlier application materials for other scholarship applications. For example, if a scholarship application requires an essay, instead of re-writing essays from scratch, refine a one-page and a three-page essay as the model to use for multiple applications.

Information from the website Scholarships.com reflects that nearly 60 percent of scholarship deadlines are from February to April each year. Try not to wait until the last minute when any simple delay in your application can prevent you from being eligible for this year's scholarships.

Remember to send in your final grades for winter quarter; your new class schedule for spring quarter; any tuition, required book or required fee receipts you have; and your completed Memorandum of Commitment for the new quarter. I need all of this information for your Higher Education file as I cannot process your paperwork for the next quarter or semester until your file has been updated. I hope everyone is having a successful school year. If you have any questions, please email me at mvalley@squaxin.us or give me a call at (360)432-3882.

GED/Homework Support

Homework support and tutoring are offered in the classroom of the Tu Ha Buts Learning Center. I am here to help you with any projects, essays or homework you may have throughout the school year. I will also help you study for upcoming tests. Please feel free to drop in. You don't need an appointment to receive help from me. Have you been thinking about getting your GED? Has getting your GED been something you have been putting off? Now is the perfect time to start working towards your GED. I am here to help you take practice tests, identify what subjects need further study, identify specific skills needed further study and help you work through any and all areas needing further study.

I am in the TLC Classroom most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-7pm. For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Jamie Jhanson (360) 292-3301 or email me at jjhanson@mccleary.wednet.edu.



LEARNING CENTER




Spring Break: April 4th – 8th
9:00am-4:00pm

- **Monday:**
Sports Day in the Gym   
- **Tuesday:**
Field Trip to Laser Fun Zone
Bus Leaves at 12:30pm Bus Returns at 4:00pm 
- **Wednesday:**
Swimming from 10:30-12:30pm 
Salish Golf Instructor from 2:00-3:00pm 
- **Thursday:**
Field Trip to Tumwater Lanes
Bus Leaves at 10:15am Bus Returns at 1:00pm 
- **Friday:**
Swimming from 10:30-12:30pm 

Questions about Spring Break, please call Jerilynn at 432-3992

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Misti Fawn Martinez

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Wednesdays,
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**Any questions, call
Jerilynn 432-3992**



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**Contact Laurel Wolff at
(360)432-3842 or lwolff@squaxin.us**



LEARNING CENTER



Spring Fling March-June
Squaxin Teens ages 12-18

25 Points

- Perfect School Attendance for 1 month
- Plan and facilitate an activity in the teen room
- Participate in a school sport for the whole session

5 Points each time you attend:

- Basketball practice
- Youth Council
- Drum Group
- Tutor help at TLC
- Participate in a CHUM activity

Questions contact Laurel @ 432-3842

WILD WAVES

Earn 100 points by June 1st & you can go with the CHUM program to Wild Waves

Native Skills Wednesdays & Thursdays
Activities may include...

Weaving, Beading, Wood Carving,
Preparing traditional foods
Making Medicine

~Finish 5 cultural arts projects and receive a moccasins kit.

C.H.U.M Program

Laurel Wolff teen advocate: 432-3842

Check Facebook for updates to Calendar!

Teen Center Open 3:00-6:00 M-F unless otherwise noted

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
SPRING BREAK				
OUTDOOR CLUB Van leaves at 10am	SEATTLE DAY TRIP All Day - Times TBD	DIY - BODY CARE PRODUCTS 10:00-4:00	PAINT BUS SHED 10:00-4:00	NISQUALLY TOURNAMENT Times TBD
11	12	13	14	15
Basketball Practice 3:30-4:45	Basketball Practice 3:30-4:45 Teen Chef 3-5:00 Youth Council 5:00-6:00	Native Skills 3:30-5:00 ITL Game @ Suquamish Van Leaves @4:15	Basketball Practice 3:30-4:45 Beading 3:30-5:00	Game Night 3:00-6:00
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LEARNING CENTER



Squaxin Youth Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar

TLC Hours: M-F 7:30am-7:00pm

Front Desk: 432-3958

Rec Rm: 432-3957 (only 3-6pm)

All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 SSD-3 HR ER Rec Rm: 1-6pm Fun Day: 5-6pm Open Gym: 12-6pm Open Swim: 5-8pm
4 Spring Break Rec Rm: Open 9am-4pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	5 Spring Break Rec Rm: Open 9am-4pm	6 Spring Break Rec Rm: Open 9am-4pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	7 Spring Break Rec Rm: Open 9am-4pm	8 Spring Break Rec Rm: Open 9am-4pm Open Swim: 5-8pm
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After School Snacks: Computer Lab: Sylvan: Homework Help, GED Prep:	M-F 3-4:45pm M-Th 3-7, F 3-5pm M-Th 4:30-6:30pm T-TH 4-7pm	ER = Early Release WHL = Wa-He-Lut Indian School SSD = Shelton School District GSD = Griffin School District		I.T.B. – Inter-Tribal B-Ball High School: 9-12 Grade Middle School: 6-8 Grade Elementary: 4-5 Grade



New Employees



Michael Henderson Records Management/ Data Technician at Natural Resources

Hi! I have always enjoyed working at NR; it is where I first started working for the Tribe in 1983.

I look forward to working with the Tribe again.

See you around.



Jennifer Motteler Hardware Technician

Hi! My name is Jennifer and I have a 17 year-old son.

I broke my first computer when I was three (It told me it was thirsty, so I poured a coke into it), and I've been working on them ever since.

I'm happy to be joining the community here; there are wonderful people and being able to help excites me.

Thank you so much for the warm welcome. I am very happy to be here and very much look forward to working with everyone.



Jennifer Johns Human Resources Assistant

Hi I'm Jennifer Johns, and I recently started working for Human Resources as the HR Assistant.

I am the granddaughter of Del Johns Sr. and daughter of Del Johns JR. I have been employed with the Tribe starting out as a youth in the Stepping Stones program. I worked in marketing for many years and recently worked for Natural Resources as a Fish Technician.

I am very excited for this new opportunity and joining the Human Resources department for the Squaxin Island Tribe. I'm looking forward to learning this new area of professionalism and working with all of you!



**Mom, Happy Belated
Love Always!
Your Daughter, Bear**

**Douglas
Happy Belated!
Love, Connie**

**To My Beautiful Daughter,
Claudia
Happy Birthday Baby Girl!**

**Brattany Faye
Happy Belated!
Love, Connie**



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Human Resources Benefit Fair

Held on March 17, 2016

Jennifer Johns - Human Resources would like to thank all of the Squaxin Island Tribal employees who attended this year's benefit fair! As we know life happens, and it is always good to be familiar with what benefits we have and what additional benefits are available.

This year's fair included representatives from Group Health, AFLAC, Brown & Brown Insurance, MetLife, VSP and Reliant Behavioral Health; all offered answers to staff questions, and provided additional information to employees. This year also included many exciting door prizes, goodies from our representatives and lunch with hand crafted soups and sandwiches hosted by Kamilche Catering, owned and operated by Squaxin Island Tribal members Casey and Bobbi Brown.

If you were unable to attend or have any questions about benefits and what additional benefits are available, please contact Jan Olson in Human Resources for more information.



**Jensen Suicide
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SUICIDE PREVENTION: WHAT TO SAY, WHAT TO DO

Community Training

Do you know what to say to someone you fear might be suicidal? You could take them to the emergency room...but then what?

This training teaches you what to say and how to respond to someone who might be suicidal. After this training you'll have confidence to:

- Ask if someone is thinking about killing themselves,
- Listen caringly and react helpfully,
- Give hope and help in a meaningful way, and
- Provide support on a daily basis.

TUESDAY, April 19th, 2016

Squaxin Island Community Kitchen

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Training starts at 5:30 p.m.

Childcare provided

Training recommended for 12 and over

Questions please contact Jessica Dolge at
Behavioral Health 360-426-1582

Don't miss it, you can save a life!





SQUAXIN ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN



Food is at the Center of Our Culture *Continued from Page 1*

One example of why it is so important to grow our own food is corn. A few chemicals found in GMO* corn (all corn found in the supermarket unless specifically labeled as Non-GMO): (Genetically Modified Organism is the result of a laboratory process where genes from the DNA of one species are extracted and artificially forced into the genes of an unrelated plant or animal. The foreign genes may come from bacteria, viruses, insects, animals or even humans.) Formaldehyde is a known carcinogen directly linked to cancer.

Glyphosate, a chemical found in the weed and pest control spray Roundup, negatively affects the beneficial bacteria in our bodies, which in turn promotes overgrowth of pathogens. This leads to chronic inflammation and disease.

The garden returns us to a side by side hands on teaching method. Building a stable structure for new experience, education, cultivating community connection, and employment. The garden allows us to break the cycle of food-insecurity while promoting fundamental skills in an environment that directly relates to real-world responsibilities.



Andrew Kinney going over pruning techniques



- This garden is a program, not just a project, meaning the program does not rely on grants, but is supported by the Tribe.
- Several tribes across the state, and even more nationwide, have already developed successful garden programs. Resources are out there to sustain a fully functioning garden that will feed our community.
- While volunteering is highly recommended, and essentially needed, we are not relying solely on volunteers to care for the garden.
- Creating jobs; once we have a plan established we will need able bodies to make the garden flourish.
- We will develop a master plan that will be utilized for years to come. The plan will include site layout, crop rotation, integrative irrigation plans, a training manual, seasonal calendars, and much more.
- Community interest; there is a large movement happening in our community, for healthier and sustainable ways of living.

Keep an Eye Out Upcoming Events and Meetings

The garden program will host a community discussion soon to hear what thoughts and ideas Tribal members have about the garden design and layout.

For more information about volunteering, donating or general questions please contact:

Aleta Poste, Community Garden Program Manager
360-791-1797



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



2016 Button Robe Schedule

The Workshop Will Be Open Mondays

Beginning at 5:00 pm

Button Robe Boarder Workshop Starting

Mondays February 8th

Choice High School Room 208

Enter through back entrance at 807 W. Pine Street



Boarder Sewing Workshop

February 8th

February 22th

February 29th

Designs and Robe Workshop

March 14th March 28th

April 11th April 18th

April 25th May 2th

May 9th May 16th

**Indian Education Banquet and Button Robe Ceremony on
Friday May 20th from 6pm-8pm**

This workshop will provide help for Shelton School District graduating seniors and their families to design and construct button robes. Seniors will be presented with their finished robes at the banquet and be able to wear them at graduation. This is a non-profit organization which is run by volunteers who are supporting Native students.

Donations are gladly accepted.

If you have questions please call Carri Fennel at (360) 462-2241 or e-mail cfennel@sheltonschoools.org or Vicky Engel at vengel@squaxin.us

Free Tax Preparation Site (Basic Returns)

Administration Building – 2nd Floor

February 2 – April 14, 2016

By appointment only

The Squaxin Island Tribe – Office of Housing
will be sponsoring their
Annual FREE TAX PREPARATION SITE
for the 2015 tax year.

The site will be open to the public and
operating Tuesday and Thursday evenings
from February 2 to April 14, 2016.

Don't pay high or unnecessary fees to a commercial taxpayer!

Use your local free tax prep site.

THINK OF THE MONEY YOU WILL SAVE!!!

This site offers Visa debit cards for your tax refund.

Call Lisa Peters @ 432-3871 to schedule an appointment

REZ ANIMAL RESOURCES & EDUCATION

\$5 Spay & Neuter Vouchers. Call Today!

This program is only available to Squaxin
Island tribal members or anyone living on
the Squaxin Island reservation.



360-432-3953



Gnilsson@squaxin.us



**OUR PROGRAM HAS SPAY/
NEUTERED 173 DOGS & CATS ON THE
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION!**

Rez Animal Resources is a small
non-profit organization helping animals
in the Chehalis, Nisqually, Skokomish,
Squaxin Island and Shoalwater Bay
Indian Reservations.



Canine Parvovirus (Parvo)

Canine Parvovirus (parvo) is a highly contagious viral disease that is one of the most common causes of diarrhea in dogs under 6 months of age. It first appeared in the late 1970s, and is one of the most frequent serious dog disease problems encountered in animal shelters. It is reported in coyotes, foxes and wolves and probably affects most, if not all, members of the canine family. Puppies are the most susceptible, and their clinical signs are worsened by concurrent infections with roundworms, other internal intestinal parasites, protozoa (such as Coccidia), viruses or bacteria. Adult dogs can also be affected.

In general, if aggressive therapy is initiated early in the course of the disease, the prognosis for puppies to recover can be excellent, although fatalities do occur. However, the mortality rate for puppies in shelters can be much higher because many shelters cannot diagnose, isolate or treat the cases. As for adult dogs, many become infected but never actually show clinical signs of disease. Rottweilers, Dobermans, pit bulls, German shepherds and Labrador retrievers seem to be at higher risk for the disease.

What Causes Parvovirus

Canine parvovirus is very stable in the environment and very resistant to most disinfectants. It can persist in organic material in the environment for over one year. Another member of this virus family is responsible for causing panleukopenia, more commonly known as distemper, in cats. (This feline parvovirus was present before the strain that affects dogs appeared. In fact, the first vaccination efforts to control canine parvo were made using feline panleukopenia vaccines.)

Different strains of parvovirus have evolved over the years since it was first discovered in dogs in 1978. The current strains infecting dogs in the United States are CPV-2b and CPV-2c, which also can cause illness and have been isolated from cats. In the shelter it is essential to separate dogs from cats, as cats can not only develop illness but also act as a reservoir causing further disease in dogs.

How Parvovirus Is Transmitted

Parvo disease is spread from dog to dog mainly through exposure to contaminated feces. It is also spread through contact with fomites (contaminated objects). Common fomites include hands, instruments, clothing, food and water dishes, toys and bedding. Insects and rodents can also provide a means for disease spread. The virus can remain on a dog's hair coat and serve as a means of transmission long after recovery from clinical disease. The incubation period, or period between exposure to the virus and the appearance of symptoms, is usually 4-6 days. Because the disease may be difficult for the shelter to detect during the incubation period, apparently healthy animals with parvo may be adopted out only to become ill a few days later in their new home, causing heartache for the shelter staff and the new owners.


It is very important to know the shedding pattern of parvovirus in order to design an effective management, diagnostic and prevention strategy. Parvovirus can be shed in the feces 3-4 days after infection with the virus, which is generally before clinical signs of illness appear. The virus will also be shed in the feces for approximately 10-14 days post-recovery from clinical signs of infection.

Clinical Signs of Parvovirus

Parvovirus affects the digestive system and the heart. The signs can vary widely:

- There can be sub-clinical infection with no signs or mild signs of lethargy and appetite loss lasting for only one or two days
- The most common clinical symptoms shelters see are varying degrees of vomiting, foul-smelling diarrhea that can be very bloody, loss of appetite, fever, weakness, depression and dehydration
- Affected puppies are also very leukopenic, meaning they have too few white blood cells
- The heart symptoms are rarely seen today and usually occur in puppies infected in utero or during the neonatal period, but they can cause sudden death without other signs, sudden death weeks to months after apparent recovery from other parvo signs, or sudden onset of symptoms of congestive heart failure in puppies under 6 months of age

- Lila Miller, DVM, is Vice President of ASPCA Veterinary Outreach
From Gus the Doggie guy . . .




BE A HERO SPAY & NEUTER

67,000 is the number of puppies an unspayed female dog, her mate, and all of their puppies and their puppies' puppies will produce in six years if none of them are spayed or neutered.


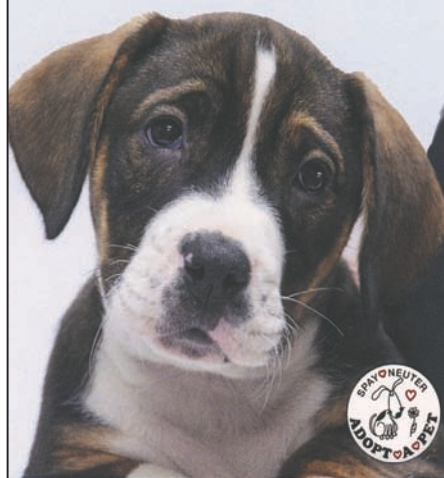
Dog overpopulation is a problem in Mason County. The solution is easy: have your companion dog spayed or neutered by the age of 6 months. ADOPT A PET can help you with our low-cost spay/neuter program for low income and elderly Mason County residents.

CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE

ADOPT-A-PET of Shelton, WA
940 E Jensen Road | Shelton, WA 98584
adoptapet-wa.org
thedoghouse3091@hotmail.com
(360) 432-3091



SPAY & NEUTER PROGRAM



ADOPT-A-PET believes prevention is the best solution to the pet overpopulation problem we face in Mason County.

That's why we offer a low-cost spay/neuter program for low income and elderly Mason County residents.





HEALTH CLINIC



Diabetes Basics

■ What are the signs of type 2 diabetes?

- Signs can be severe, very mild or none at all. This depends on how high blood sugars have become. Look for these signs:
 - Increased thirst
 - Increased hunger
 - Fatigue (feeling very tired most of the time)
 - Increased urination
 - Unexplained weight loss
 - Blurred vision
- A blood test to check your blood sugar will show if you have pre-diabetes or diabetes.

■ Can type 2 diabetes be managed?

Yes. Taking care of your diabetes every day will help keep your blood sugar in a healthy range. It will help you prevent health problems that diabetes can cause over the years.

■ Where can I get help with pre-diabetes and diabetes?

- Your health care team (doctor, nurse, diabetes educator, dietitian, psychologist, fitness coach, social worker) can help you.
- Talk with them about diabetes. They can help you make a physical activity and healthy eating plan that will work for you. Many people also need medication to treat diabetes.
- Get help from others. Talk with your family and friends and ask for

Diabetes means your blood sugar is too high. Your blood always has some sugar in it. Your body needs sugar for energy to keep you going. But too much sugar in the blood is not good for your health.

■ What is pre-diabetes?

Pre-diabetes means your blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough for diabetes.

- People with pre-diabetes are at higher risk for getting type 2 diabetes and heart disease.
- You can reduce your risk of getting diabetes. You may even be able to have normal blood sugar levels again! This may happen if you lose a small amount of weight by eating healthy and being more physically active.

■ What is type 2 diabetes?

People get type 2 diabetes because the cells in their muscles, liver, and fat do not use insulin properly. Over time, the body also cannot make enough insulin. This leads to high blood sugar. Having high blood sugar for some time can lead to serious problems with your eyes, heart, kidneys and nerves.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common type in American Indian and Alaska Native people. This type of diabetes can happen at any age, even in children.

■ What factors increase my risk for getting pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes?

- Being physically inactive
- Having a parent, brother or sister with diabetes
- Having had the kind of diabetes which can happen during pregnancy
- Being overweight



Produced by IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, 11/2012. To print this and other patient education material, go to www.diabetes.ihs.gov, click **Printable Materials**



Have Fun With Fruits and Vegetables

Find the hidden fruits and vegetables in the puzzle. Words can read up, down or across, from left to right or right to left.

Find:

Apple
Banana
Broccoli
Carrots
Celery
Eggplant
Grapes
Kiwi
Orange
Papaya
Pear
Peas
Squash
Yams

B	F	S	E	A	Y	A	P	A	P
R	C	Q	L	S	R	P	E	A	R
O	H	U	P	B	A	N	A	N	A
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Adapted from
Team Up At Home Team Nutrition Activity Book

Fruit and Vegetable Goals

Name a fruit you would like to try:

How will you eat this fruit? (On cereal, as a snack, for dessert, with dinner or on pancakes.)

Name a vegetable you would like to try:

How will you eat this vegetable? (As a snack, with dip, or for lunch.)



Paddle Chair Aerobics class

Date: Every Thursday beginning February 25, 2016

Time: 4pm-5pm

Where: Health Promotions building
(across from the clinic)

To RSVP please contact:

Melissa Grant @ 432-3926 email mgrant@squaxin.us
Or Traci Lopeman @ 432-3930 email tlopeman@squaxin.us
Space is limited so reserve your spot today!!!



Outside Clinics accept Apple

Mason General Walk-in

939 Mountain View Dr.
432-3298

Pediatric Multi-care

3504 12th Ave. NE
360-252-3801

MGH Shelton Family Medicine

939 Mountain View Dr. Suite 100
426-2653

West Olympia FamilyMed

1217 Cooper Pt. Dr. SW ST B
360-486-6710

MGH Olympic Physicians

237 Professional Way
426-2500

Westcare Clinic

3900 Limited Ln NW
360-357-9392

Health Care Center

107 N. 8th St.
426-9717

Tumwater Family Practice

150 Dennis St. SW
360-754-6367

Summit Pacific Medical Center

600 E Main St.
Elma Wa. 98541
360-346-2222

Seamar

3030 Limited Ln.NW
360-491-1399



HEALTH CLINIC



Frye Cove Park

Frye Cove Park is a great spot for a short walk, a picnic, or just enjoying nature. Only 10 miles Away from the REZ
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator

Where:

Frye Cove is at 61st Ave Northwest, just off Young Road Northwest.

To do:

Frye Cove just might be the least-visited park in Thurston County — but this 67-acre park with 1,400 feet of Puget Sound beach is such a gem!

Frye Cove offers shellfish digging in season — you can see the clam siphon holes all over the beach at low tide. It's best to visit during low tide because the entire beach can be under water during a high tide. It's common to find sea stars, crabs and other marine life on the beach. Seals and shorebirds often show up on the beach. Shorebirds drop by the park during the fall to grab a quick snack during their migration south. Other shorebirds hang around all year. Herons almost always are picking their way down the beach.

There are two miles of hiking paths in the park, and they often seem like tunnels through the dense stands of cedar and Douglas fir. The hike is easy, and there are views of Eld Inlet and Mount Rainier on a clear day. A small playground area is available for children.

Picnics:

This is a good park for a picnic because shelters and grills are near the beach.

Shellfishing:

For more information on shellfish seasons and safety, check wdfw.wa.gov or doh.wa.gov and click on "Beach Closures." The clam and oyster season at Frye Cove runs from Jan. 1 through May 15. The beach has good numbers of Manila and little-neck clams, oysters and other clams.

Restroom:

There is a restroom between the parking lot and the beach.

Safety:

Keep a close eye on kids because the woods are dense and the beach has sharp shells and barnacles.

Equipment ideas:

Rain gear, beach shoes, food, water, picnic supplies, sunscreen, cameras, binoculars and sunglasses.

Directions:

From the REZ, take Hwy 101 South toward Olympia. Take the Steamboat Island Exit and take Steamboat Island Road about 6 miles to Young Road N.W. Turn right and follow Young Road for about two miles. Turn left onto 61st Ave N.W. and follow the road into the park.

Rules:

The park is open from 9 a.m. to dusk. No camping, alcohol or firearms allowed.
Information: Call Thurston County Parks and Recreation at 360-786-5595 or check <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/parks/parks-fryecove.htm>

For video tour of the park: <https://vimeo.com/2558080>



Clinic Events

Health Promotions

We have exercise videos
Work out alone, with us
or schedule a time for a group

Lifestyle Balance Program

To find out how you may qualify,
please contact Melissa Grant at
360-432-3926

Mammogram Day

April 12th

Brief Community Walk

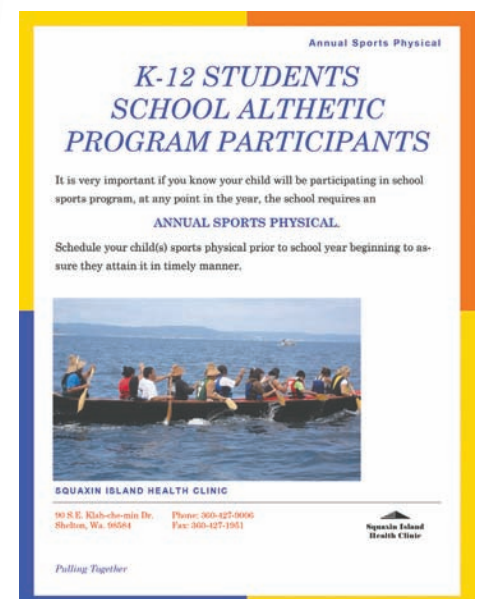
Every Monday at 12:30 p.m.
Elder's Building after lunch


Free Diabetes Screening

at Health Promotions
To schedule an appointment,
contact Melissa Grant

Smart Shopping/ Food Label Workshops

Contact Patty to schedule
360-432-3929





WIC at SPIPA
(Women, Infants, and Children)
provides healthy foods &
nutrition information for you and
your child up to age 5.

Please bring:
Your child, Provider One Card
or paystub and Identification for
you & your child

**Tuesday,
April 12th is
WIC DAY at
SPIPA**

Contact at SPIPA for an appointment:
Debbie Gardipee-Reyes
360 462-3227, gardipee@spipa.org
or Patty Suskin 360 462-3224



Purchased Referred Care Services Information

(Formally known as Contract Health Services)

We would like to remind everyone of information that is important for your Purchased Referred Care (PRC) formally known as Contract Health Services (CHS).

If you do not have any medical insurance, it is required by PRC rules that you apply for alternate resources, for us that includes ProviderOne (Medicaid), even if you feel that you would not be eligible. PRC must show proof of acceptance or denial. You can make an appointment with Jaclyn Meyer at the front desk at Squaxin Island Health Clinic and she will help you get signed up with ProviderOne (Apple).

Even though you may already have a Primary Insurance such as Group Health Options, Medicare or First Choice, etc., you can still sign up for ProviderOne and you may be eligible, giving you Double Medical Coverage.


Another issue that has been brought to our attention is co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance and RX payments to Group Health. If you are seen at Group Health for any emergency, pregnancy or for care that cannot be obtained at our clinic, you will need to pay any out of pocket costs. We are unable to coordinate PRC benefits with Group Health, thus requiring you to pay instead of obtaining a purchase order. You may be eligible to have these out of pocket costs reimbursed. Once you have paid, submit the receipt to Tootsie at PRC in a timely manner. Once she has established if you are eligible, she will be able to submit a request to have you reimbursed for these out of pocket costs.

Remember to call to get your Purchase Orders.

- If you are PRC eligible and you have an appointment, lab work or x-rays outside of our clinic, you must obtain a Purchase Order before your appointment.
- If our clinic makes arrangements for an appointment, it is still YOUR responsibility to obtain a Purchase Order.
- All Purchase Orders are for the date of the appointment only.
- If your appointment is Rescheduled or Cancelled, REMEMBER it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to call for a new Purchase Order.
- Also, it is wise to call ahead of time instead of on the day of your appointment.

You can get a Purchase Order from Tootsie by calling: 360-432-3922.

You are always welcome to call Tootsie at 360-432-3922 if you have any questions about how PRC or what the rules and regulations are.



**Need to Know
Hepatitis
B**

**HEPATITIS
PREVENTION
IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES**

What is Hepatitis B?
Hepatitis B is a serious infection that affects the liver. It is caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). Hepatitis B can lead to liver damage (cirrhosis), liver cancer and death.

How does it spread?
Hepatitis B virus is easily spread through contact with blood or other body fluids of an infected person.


Why get vaccinated?
Hepatitis B vaccine gives long term protection from hepatitis B, and the serious consequences of a hepatitis B infection, including liver cancer and cirrhosis.

Who should get vaccinated?
Since 1991, it has been recommended that all children get vaccinated for hepatitis B at birth. All unvaccinated adults at risk for hepatitis B infection should be vaccinated. ***This includes people under 60 years of age with diabetes.***


All unvaccinated adults who should be vaccinated include:

- ☒ People under 60 years of age with diabetes
- ☒ Partners of people with hepatitis B infection
- ☒ People with chronic liver or kidney disease
- ☒ People with jobs that expose them to human blood or other body fluids

**Talk to your doctor
about whether you should be
vaccinated for hepatitis B**



©2016 Hepatitis Prevention Project
Developed in partnership with:
Squaxin Island Tribal Health
South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency's
Comprehensive Cancer Control Program &
Native JourneyWoman





Elders Menu . . . Fruit and salad at every meal

4th - 7th

MONDAY:

Chicken fettuccini casserole, broccoli, parmesan flat bread, Caesar salad

TUESDAY:

Clam Chowder, fry bread, fruit, salad

WEDNESDAY:

Reuben casserole, salad, fruit

THURSDAY:

Bratwurst, baked beans, coleslaw, salad, fruit



11th - 14th

MONDAY:

Chicken and dumplings casserole, zucchini and squash, peaches & cottage cheese, salad, fruit

TUESDAY:

Turkey noodle soup, turkey & cheese stuffed croissants, fruit, salad

WEDNESDAY:

Fish & chips, green salad, fruit, lemon icebox pie

THURSDAY:

Fajitas, salad, fruit

18th - 21st

MONDAY:

Chili dog bar, salad, fruit, fruit cocktail & jello

TUESDAY:

Baked potato soup, ham sandwiches, salad, fruit

WEDNESDAY:

Pork medallions in mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, pears & cottage cheese

THURSDAY:

Casino buffet

25th - 28th

MONDAY:

Hungarian beef goulash, green beans, salad, fruit

TUESDAY:

Tomato basil w/ raviolini soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad, fruit

WEDNESDAY:

Burger dips, tri-colored potatoes, green salad, fruit, chocolate cream pie

THURSDAY:

Paprika chicken, vegetable rice, salad, fruit

Rose Brownfield - A few of our Elders visited Portland on March 16. We went to Pendleton Outlet, Fabric Depoe and Pendleton store at Washougal. Shari and Herb, Lila, Rose, Annie Beth, Elizabeth had lunch at Olive Garden, shopped at the stores,





The Duties of Our Committee/Commissions/Boards

Aquatics Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of sub-tidal shellfish resources.

Budget Commission: Provides oversight and guidance to the Tribal Administration and Tribal Council for the budget.

Business Administration Board: To incorporate new businesses in Indian country, and to regulate commerce in Indian country.

Childcare Development Center Board of Directors: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the Child Development Center.

Education Commission: Provides recommendations and guidance to the Tribal Council and to the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center. Participates fully in all aspects of planning, development; implementation and evaluation of all educational programs, including supplemental and operational support; be directly involved in all Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center Programs; recommend appropriate action to the Squaxin Island Tribal Council; evaluate performance and program results; exercise authority delegated by Tribal Council (e.g., monetary awards).

Elections Committee: Prepares for and conducts General Body meetings, and as requested by Tribal Council also conducts the election portion of the General Body Meeting.

Enrollment Committee: Provides advice and recommendations to the Council in consultation with the Enrollment Department concerning enrollment and policies and procedures related to enrollment matters. Ensures compliance with the membership requirements outlined in Article II of the Constitution.

Explorer Program Committee: Provides advice and recommendations to the Explorer program consistent with the programs goals.

Fish Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of fish related resources.

Gaming Commission: Conducts background investigations for the purpose of licensing the gaming employees and vendors; issue, deny, review, suspend, or revoke tribal gaming licenses for gaming operations, gaming employees and vendors. Promulgate, adopt and enforce internal control standards; monitor gaming activities and operations to insure compliance with internal control standards and policies; oversee external and internal financial audits; conduct an investigation of any alleged misconduct and take appropriate enforcement action; take enforcement actions, levy fines, hold hearings, and issue decisions; develop and adopt an annual budget; oversee the general management of the Commission staff.

Housing Commission: Serves as the advisory, decision-making, and policy authority for the Squaxin Island Tribal Housing Program. The commission is authorized to provide recommendations and advice to the Tribal Council and to the Tribal Department of Community Development. The Commission is authorized to define policies, identify rules and regulations necessary to implement the policies, and recommend the identified rules and regulations to the Tribal Council for enactment.

Hunting Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of hunting and wildlife related resources.

Law & Order Committee: Provided advice and recommendations to Council and the Chief of Police concerning law enforcement policies, procedures and laws that may need revision from time to time.

Little Creek Casino Oversight Board: Provides advice and recommendations to the Tribal Council and to the Little Creek Casino Resort in matters related to the general operation of the enterprise. LCOB is expected to participate in discussions related to the casino that are significant, create risk, or deviate from a standard, practice or policy. LCOB is not expected to participate in or provide advice on day-to-day operations or management matters, unless requested to do so by management. The LCOB shall also provide advice and recommendations as requested by LCCR on matters that are conducted within the scope of approved budgets, business plans, practices and policies, and on matters that are extra-ordinary, or deviate from or are exceptions to approved budgets, practices and policies.

Museum Library and Research Center Board: Manages all the affairs, property, and interests of the corporation.

One Percent: Implements the one percent distribution provision of Appendix X of the Tribal Sate compacts for Class III Gaming.

Salish Cliffs Advisory Board: Monitors and advises the Squaxin Island Tribal Council and the Little Creek Casino Resort with respect to: Maintenance and upkeep at the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Improvements and expansion at the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Safety at the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Environmental impact of the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Promotional efforts by the Salish Cliffs Golf Course. Tribal member participation in the Golf Course, including the creation of a Tribal youth program; and Cross-marketing efforts between Salish Cliffs and other Tribal entities. Provide Council and the Casino with advice on how to make sure the Salish Cliffs Golf Course remains a successful, world-class, championship golf course.

Shellfish Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of inter-tidal shellfish resources.

Skookum Creek Tobacco Board: Is vested with all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Corporation and shall have control and management of the business and activities of the Corporation. The SCTB members shall in all cases act as a Committee.

Tourism Board: The Tourism Board is specifically delegated the authority to hire, terminate, discipline, and evaluate the Tourism Director, as well as the authority to prioritize and assign the Tourism Director tasks and objectives. The Tourism Director shall coordinate marketing and promotional efforts with the Little Creek Casino and Resort, Island Enterprises, Inc., Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc., the Squaxin Island Museum, Library, and Research, Inc., and the Tribe's other incorporated or unincorporated enterprises and departments, in order to ensure integrated, efficient, and effective overall marketing strategies.

Veterans Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning matters related to the Veterans memorial and other Veterans concerns.



Committees Commissions & Boards With Infrequent Meeting Times

Committee and Commissions	Council Rep.	Staff Rep.	Months
1% Committee (Bylaws & Appendix X2)	Arnold Cooper, Vince Henry, Vicki Kruger	Don Whitener	Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
Elections Committee	None	Tammy Ford	March, April, May
Explorers Program Committee	Jim Peters	Renee Kluseman	
Fireworks Committee (TC 6.04.040)	None	Don Whitener	May and June
Gathering Committee	Charlene Krise	Rhonda Foster	Not yet determined
Law Enforcement Committee, Law and Order	None	Don Whitener	Not currently meeting
Veterans' Committee	None	Glen Parker	
Budget Commission	Vicki Kruger	Don Whitener	June and August
Business Administration Board (TC 6.24.010)	None	Travis Nabahe, IEI	As needed
Little Creek Oversight Board (TC 2.26.010)	Arnold Cooper, Vicki Kruger, Charlene Krise	David Lopeman	
Museum Library and Research Board	David Lopeman	Charlene Krise	Sept., Dec., March, June
Tourism Board (TC 2.34.010)	Arnold Cooper	Leslie Johnson	
Island Enterprises Board	David Lopeman	Travis Nabahe	

If you are interested in an opportunity to meet with a Committee, Commission or Board please contact the staff representative to be placed on the agenda and for meeting time and location. Every spring Tribal Council considers vacancies for the Committee, Commission and Boards. If you are interested in becoming a member please submit your written request to: Melissa Puhn, Executive Secretary for Tribal Council | mpuhn@squaxin.us | 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton WA 98584.

What's Happening April 2016						
Drum Group every Tuesday AA & ALANON every Wednesday					1 Housing Commission	2
3	4	5	6 Elders Committee	7 Utilities Commission	8 SPIPA Board of Directors <hr/> Education Commission	9
10	11 Childcare Board of Directors	12 Enrollment Committee <hr/> Hunting Committee <hr/> Criminal/Civil Court	13 Family Court <hr/> Building Strong Families through Culture	Candidates Forum <hr/> Golf Advisory Committee <hr/> Tribal Council	15	16
17	18	19 Suicide Prevention Training	20 Gaming Commission	21	22	23
24	25	26 Tobacco Board of Directors <hr/> Criminal/Civil Court	27	28	29	30



Committees and Commissions Listed on Calendar

Committee and Commissions	Council Rep.	Staff Rep.	Meetings
Aquatics Committee	Arnold Cooper	Jeff Dickison	2nd Wednesday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
Elders Committee	Whitney Jones	Elizabeth Heredia	1st Wednesday or Thursday
Enrollment Committee	Charlene Krise	Tammy Ford	2nd Tuesday
Fish Committee	Vicki Kruger	Joseph Peters	2nd Wednesday in March, July
Golf Advisory Committee	Jim Peters	Don Whitener	2nd Wednesday or Thursday
Hunting Committee	Arnold Cooper	Joseph Peters	2nd Tuesday of July, Oct., Jan., April
Shellfish Committee	Vince Henry	Eric Sparkman	1st Wednesday of March, June, Sept., Dec.
Education Commission	Jim Peters	Gordon James	2nd Friday
Gaming Commission (TC 6.08.090)	Per Tribal Code None	BJ Whitener	3rd Wednesday
Housing Commission	Arnold Cooper	Richard Wells	1st Friday
Child Care Board of Directors	Vicki Kruger & Charlene Krise	Bert Miller	2nd Monday
Tobacco Board of Directors	Jim Peters	Cameron Goodwin	4th Tuesday
Utilities Commission (TC 11.08.010)	None	Teresa Wright	1st Thursday
SPIPA Board of Directors	Arnold Cooper	Kathy Block	2nd Friday

April Happy Birthdays

1 Colby Robert Smith Duane Cooper Famie Marie Mason Rene Andre Vigil Seattle Dee Morris	7 Carolyn E. Hoosier Keesha R. Vigil-Snook Marie Elaine Snyder Michael W. Kruger Rolando L. Rocero Tania Asia Korndorfer	12 Dorinda Evon Thein Elaine LeeAnn Roberts Russell Dean Harper	19 Dustin P. Greenwood Elisha R Peters-Guizzetti Sande Lee Smith III Trinity Richelle Byrd	25 Casey Adrian Krise Cynthia T. L. Parrott Dawn Marie Caasi Larain Rose Algea
2 Daniel Albert Hall David Wayne Peters, Sr. Kaitlyn Rose Sweitzer	8 Marcella R. Cooper Mi'chelle Emily Mach Nolah Jean Cousins Rodney James Krise Jr.	13 Latiesha Marie Gonzales	20 Jolene R. Grover Louise Agnes Rioux Pamela Ann Peters Vicky Lee Turner	26 Chauncy Roger Blueback Richard Montano III Russel Ramon Algea
3 Deborah Jean Knott Jacqueline Crenshaw Tamika May Krise	9 Alexander Raymond Charles Henry- Castellane Andie May Cousins Cheryl Lynn Hantel Juan Miguel Araiza Kiana Jean Henry Lila Mae Jacobs William Howard Henderson	15 Grace Elizabeth Pugel	21 Chasity A. Villanueva Edward Ned Henry Emily Denise Sigo Jon Kenneth Vanderwal Joshua Henry Brady Whitener Tracy Roy West Tyrone Joseph- Stuart Seymour	27 Becky Lynn Barker Standing Raven
4 Elizabeth Cooper-Campbell Janice Nadine Leach Joseph Nolan Harrell Kathy Ann Brandt Traci J. Coffey Tyler D. Hartwell	10 Antonia D. James Joanna Lynn Cowling Kenneth Wayne Selvidge, Jr.	16 Maria Guadalupe Coley Ronald L. Schaefer	22 Randy William Koshiway Sarah Gloria Koshiway	28 Anthony Del Johns Wesley Kyle Whitener
5 Matthew Volker Peters Block	11 Talon Jacob Beattie Tseeka Myrtle Lee Ackerman	17 April Ann Leonard Dena Mae Cools Jeffery James Peters Skylehr Monroe Henry	23 Rebecca Ray Keith Ronald Francis Bell Tristian I. K. Villanueva	29 Claudia Jeanette Gui Josa-Meas Redwolf S. Krise William Charles Lopeman
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Happy 3rd Birthday Mary Jo Lewis!!!



**You continue to make us as happy as could be
and we can't believe you are already turning three!
Happy Birthday to the best little girl
two parents could ever hope for!
Love you - Mommy Rana & Daddy Bear**



Squaxin Island Culture Night Drum Group

*Squaxin families are invited!
Please join us for
drum, song, and dance rehearsal*

**Tuesdays
Each Week
5pm
at the Squaxin Museum**

Feel free to stop in and get familiar with
Squaxin Island songs and dances
Join in to learn the dances and songs
or simply enjoy the atmosphere
with just your presence

This is a drug, alcohol, cigarette and
e-cigarette free event

Any questions please contact
Jeremiah George 360.432.3968



Fri • April 15th | 6:30pm
Sat • April 16th | 12pm | 4:30pm | 11pm
Sun • April 17th | 4:30pm

Early Birds
1/2 hour before every session!

Bring a friend!

Both of you will receive a FREE level 1 (3-on) with initial buy-in.
If your friend signs up as a new players club member
you will both receive a complimentary \$4 pack.

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EARLY BIRDS 10:30PM**



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